

Virginia Health Reform Initiative –Advisory Council

Status Report on Recent Federal Exchange Activities

May 23, 2012

Information Technology

- Beginning to provide guidance around Information Technology specifications. Will be releasing first module (Plan Management) in Phases.

Exchange Model Guidance

- State Based Exchange
 - State operates all exchange activities; however, may use the Federal government services for the following activities:
 - Premium tax credit and cost sharing reduction determination
 - Exemptions
 - Risk adjustment program
 - Reinsurance Program
- State Partnership Exchange
 - State operates activities for:
 - Plan Management and; or,
 - Consumer Assistance
 - State may elect to perform or can use Federal government services for the following activities:
 - Reinsurance program
 - Medicaid and CHIP (FAMIS in Virginia) eligibility assessment or determination
- Federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE)
 - HHS operates; however, State may elect to perform or can use Federal government services for the following activities:
 - Reinsurance program
 - Medicaid and CHIP (FAMIS in Virginia) eligibility assessment or determination

Exchange Blueprint and Model Declaration Letter

- A state choosing to establish its own exchange or participate in a partnership model must complete and submit an Exchange Blueprint that documents how its Exchange meets all the legal and operational standards
- As part of the Blueprint, a state must also demonstrate operational readiness to execute Exchange Activities
- The Exchange Model Declaration Letter must include:
 - Indication of Exchange Model Option
 - Signed by Governor
 - Designating Point of Contact for Blueprint submission and HHS Exchange collaboration
- Due by November 16, 2012
- If a Declaration Letter is not received by November 16, 2012, HHS will implement a FFE for the state and perform exchange activities
- Aligned closely with Establishment Grant Review Process (If the Supreme Court upholds the PPACA as it pertains to the establishment of health benefits exchanges, Virginia will be positioned to submit a Level 1 Establishment Grant)